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April

- 20th - First Day of Term 2
- 25th - ANZAC Day

May

- 14th - NDIS Information & Expo
- 28th - Inter House Music Festival

June

- 8th - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- 18th - SSG Meetings
- 26th - End of Term 2
 - Middle School Campus finishes at 1:45pm - Buses have been notified
 - Jnr/Snr School Campus finishes at 2:00pm - Buses have been notified

July

- 13th - First Day of Term 3

2026 Victorian school term dates

2026	Start date	Finish date
Term 2	20 April	26 June
Term 3	13 July	18 September
Term 4	5 October	18 December

2026 Curriculum Days

Term	Date
Two	To Be Advised
Three	To Be Advised
Four	To Be Advised



Principal's Report

By John Mooney

Dear Emerson Community,

For six decades, John Mooney has dedicated his life to education in Victoria, leaving an extraordinary legacy that continues to shape the lives of students, families and educators alike.

John's 60 years of service stands as a remarkable testament to his unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student has access to meaningful opportunities and pathways. His tireless efforts to expand options and choices for young people have empowered countless students to discover their strengths, pursue their ambitions and feel a genuine sense of belonging within their school communities.

At the heart of John's leadership is a rare and powerful balance: strength paired with kindness. He has consistently led with clarity, integrity, and vision, while never losing sight of the individual needs of students and families. His compassionate approach has built trust, fostered inclusion, and created an environment where people feel seen, heard and supported.

John's contribution to education extends far beyond the walls of any single school. His work in building connections between educational settings including universities, specialist environments, and mainstream schools, has opened doors and created pathways that did not previously exist. These partnerships have enriched learning experiences and strengthened the broader educational community across Victoria.

From everyone at Emerson School, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to John Mooney on this extraordinary milestone. We are deeply grateful for his dedication, his vision and his enduring passion for achieving the very best for our students and families.

His impact is profound, his legacy enduring and his influence will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Heather Norman
School Council President





John Mooney's 60 Years in Education Celebration

Photos from our Assembly celebrating Mr Mooney's 60 Years in Education.







Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

We will study the value Determination for the next fortnight.

We demonstrate Determination every time we persevere with something even though it is difficult.

Determination requires inner strength. We need to have the willpower to focus all our energy on the task.

It isn't easy to stay on task when things are hard, but it is a wonderful feeling when we succeed and complete it!

Who is the most determined person that you know?





Free Dental

The Australian Smile Group will be offering dental services to Emerson students from Week 4 in Term 2.

Australian Smile Group Dental Service provide comprehensive dental care programs designed specifically for educational institutions. They provide on-site dental examinations, preventive treatments, and oral health education for students of all ages and they will be bringing their mobile van to Emerson School.

Routine dental services such as cleaning, x-rays, fillings and extractions will be covered under Medicare Bulk Billing.

Consent forms will be sent home in the first week of the new term.

Jenny La'Brooy.

Student Services / Disability Inclusion



MSA, MSD, JSK & JSL Excursion to Hamer Hall

On Monday 27th April, students from MSA, MSD, JSK and JSL attended an exciting live performance by The 60 Four at Hamer Hall, located within the iconic Arts Centre Melbourne.

The performance showcased the biggest hits of the 1960s, reimagined with a contemporary sound and delivered with exceptional showmanship. Known as one of South Australia's premier acts, The 60 Four captivated the audience with their slick choreography, youthful charm, and outstanding four-part harmonies. Their smart suits and polished stage presence brought the golden era of music to life in a high-energy, electric tribute that had everyone thoroughly engaged.

Students and staff were treated to a vibrant mix of classic hits, all performed with precision and enthusiasm. The combination of strong vocals and dynamic movement made for a truly memorable visual and musical experience.

A highlight of the excursion was the special Q&A session at the end of the performance. Students had the opportunity to interact with the performers and gain insight into their musical journey. A particularly special moment was when the group sang "Happy Birthday" to Dallas from MSA, which brought smiles to everyone and added a personal touch to the day.

This excursion provided students with a valuable opportunity to experience live performance in a renowned venue, enhancing their appreciation for music, performance, and the arts.

A big thank you to all staff who attended and supported the excursion, and a special shout out to Mary for attending her very first Emerson School excursion-what a fantastic introduction it was!





Senior Students Woodwork Term 1

SSI built birdhouses over a full 10-week project, showing persistence, teamwork, and pride in their work.

Students worked carefully through each stage of the build, including identifying parts, measuring, assembling, sanding, and finishing.

They added their own creative touches by wood burning, engraving, painting, and decorating, making each birdhouse unique and personal.

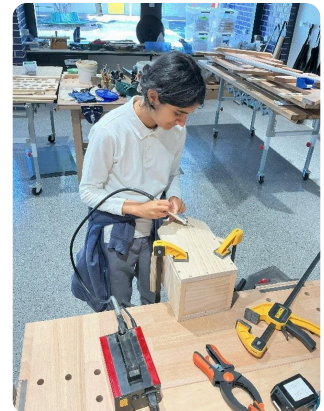
A number of students also chose to donate their birdhouses to support habitat restoration in areas affected by the Victorian bushfires—highlighting the importance of giving back and helping bring nature back over time.

Well done, SSI, on your hard work, creativity, and community-minded approach.

SSF created a picnic bench using timber from a Spotted Gum tree that was cut down on the front oval in 2021. A qualified arborist attended the school, and a portable timber mill was brought on-site so the log could be milled into usable boards.

Students supported the process by assisting with preparation and clean-up, and the remaining waste timber was mulched, making the project environmentally friendly and low-waste. Students then selected suitable pieces based on size and appearance, dressed and prepared the timber, and worked together to design and assemble the bench.

This sustainable approach has given the timber a second life, and the finished picnic bench will be placed outside SSF for use at lunch times and during Coffee Club for years to come.







NDIS Information Expo



What will your child do after year 12? Post School Pathways

NDIS Information Session:

An information session will be held from **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**.

Parent Expo:

The Expo will run from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**, providing an opportunity for families to connect with service providers and access valuable resources to support post-school planning and transition.

Provider talk

VALID and Endeavour foundation also presenting from **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**.

Some services that you will be able to explore are.

TAFEs and RTOs

Disability Employment Services

Day services

SLES providers and much more...



When: Thursday 14th May

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Where: Emerson School

1430 Heatherton rd. Dandenong North

Please register through trybooking - if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Ishak



SSF Morning Tea

On Wednesday we prepared a 'Welcome Back Morning Tea' for the Staff at the Junior/Senior Campus.

The food service had to be over two different recesses to cater for everyone.

We each had a particular food (savoury and sweet) item to prepare and serve.

The menu consisted of Thai sausage rolls, smoked salmon and caper mini quiches, vegetarian quiches, gluten free cupcakes and chocolate fudge brownies, butterscotch scrolls, cheese and chive scones as well as date scones.

We enjoyed the busy exercise and managed to serve everything we made to a high standard of presentation.

We were happy to receive positive comments and complements from the Staff.

It was a really good practical day for our learned skills.

Student Omal said "We continue to improve on our hospitality knowledge, fix our mistakes and work even better under pressure".

Written by SSF Students





THINGS TO DO

Community Activities, Events and Tickets

Open to performers aged 12-25

DANDY'S GOT TALENT

PERFORMER APPLICATIONS



Keen to perform live?
 We are currently accepting performer applications from singers, rappers, dancers and bands.
 Applications close 31 May.

Final showcase:
 Thursday 9 July
 2.30pm - 7pm
 The Castle
 61 Princes Hwy
 Dandenong

Prizes to be won








Greater Dandenong

Apply to perform here

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services
 39 Clow Street, Dandenong
 (03) 8571 1620 | [cgdyouthservices](https://www.facebook.com/cgdyouthservices)
youthservices@cgd.vic.gov.au
youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

TTY: 133 677
 Speak and listen: 1300 555 727
 TIS: 13 14 50

We are proudly drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free





Amplify is a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to plan and run drug, alcohol, vape and smoking-free events for other young people.
 Image supplied by Star News Group



Student of the Week



Junior School Awards

JSA	Cameron K	Smile Maker
JSB	Timur B	Grown Leaps & Bounds
JSC	Bilal A	Phonics Fanatic
JSD	Zara K	Most Improved
JSE	Mannat O	Colourful & Creative
JSF	Aiden H	Smile Maker
JSG	Kingsley D	Super Reader
JSH	Michael K	Totally Trustworthy
JSI	Kaiser E	Quality Worker
JSJ	Erin U	Amazing Attitude
JSK	Erina S	Excelletn Effort
JSL	Roman R	Compassionate & Kind



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Mohamed L	For always doing his best & being a delight to have in MSA.
MSB	Rueben R	For improving his skills in reading silent "E" words
MSC	Aeden F	For showing great improvement & staying consistent with his reading this week
MSD	Ahmed M	For always trying his best in all classroom activities
MSE	Elijah R	For being helpful & contributing to lessons
MSF	Malisa A	For learning to speak louder so Ms Ryan can hear her
MSH	William L	For having an excellent first week at Emerson
MSI	Grace T	For insightful contributions to class discussions
MSJ	Sienna S	For being a great friend
MSK	Abyaan H	For being a quiet achiever & improving his handwriting
MSL	Josh T	For showing great maturity & excellent behaviour

Artists of the Week	Isabella MSB - Ben D MSF - Imran B-A MSK
Woodworker of the Week	William L - For doing a great job completing his coaster & for helping Kade glue & clamp his project together



Milkshake Awards

Mohamed L

Rueben R

Aeden F

Ahmed M

Elijah R

Paul T

Ben D

William L

Grace T

Sienna S

Abyaan H

Josh T

Ben D





Sports Stars

JSA	Asma G
JSE	Anushka D
JSI	John L
MSD	Sofia F
MSF	Cooper C
MSL	Josh T
SSC	Giselle S-A
SSS	Julian V
SSV	Jackson N





Bus Awards

Term 2, Week 2 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Noah K
Narre Warren	Joshua A
Cranbourne	Jason D
Pakenham	Kai F
Noble Park	Venise F
Dandenong	Issac S

Congratulations!



Announcements

Foodbank Mobile Supermarket

Foodbank will operate a "Mini Supermarket" from North Dandenong Neighbourhood Centre, providing much-needed food relief to Emerson School Families.

Families can choose from a selection of dairy, bread, fruit, vegetables and other healthy food staples.

Emerson Families can pick up a voucher from the office of either Campus, the voucher will need to be presented at the Foodbank Mobile Supermarket.

The Mobile Supermarket will be held at the Dandenong North Neighbourhood Centre, 41 Menzies Ave, Dandenong North.

Dates:

- *Tuesday 19 May 11am-12:30pm*



CSEF Applications are now open for 2026.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provide payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camp or trips, swimming and school organised sport programs, outdoor education programs and/or excursions and incursions.

Parents with an eligible government Pension, Veteran Affairs or Health Care Card can apply.

If you have already claimed CSEF at Emerson, you will not need to re-apply in 2026.



2026 Youth MYKI Card

During 2026, select students will participate in the Travel Education Program. Students will travel on PTV and require a MYKI card.

\$5.00 annual Youth MYKI cards are available to all students under 18 years old. Families will be required to purchase a MYKI card for each child.

Click on the following [Youth Myki link](#) to purchase the MYKI online, OR, go to a manned Train Station to purchase the card. Once purchased, all travel is FREE. If you order the MYKI online, the Myki card will be posted to your home with your child's name printed on the card. This saves confusion of who the card belongs to.

If you are having any challenges with buying a MYKI card or registering the MYKI please email Christine.marlow@education.vic.gov.au and I would be happy to make a time to assist you.

Remember to check the Compass portal for permissions for your child to attend excursions.

Compass keeps all information current which is best for your child for medical information, emergency contacts, etc. Compass makes it quick and easy for parents and staff. Please ask the office if you need help using Compass.

Kind regards,

Christine Marlow

Travel and Road Safety Education

Emerson School



Important Reminders

School Start and Finish times

We kindly remind all parents and guardians to please ensure that children are dropped off and picked up within our school's operating hours. Arriving on time helps children settle into their day, attend all of their classes, and maintain continuity in their learning.

Timely pick-up at the end of the day is equally important, as it allows us to operate safely and responsibly within our scheduled hours. Your cooperation plays a vital role in supporting your child's education and ensuring a smooth day for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

JNR/SNR Campus		Middle Campus	
Monday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Monday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Tuesday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Wednesday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Thursday	8:50am - 3:00pm	Thursday	8:50am - 2:45pm
Friday	8:50am - 3:00pm	Friday	8:50am - 2:45pm

**Please note—THURSDAY morning is Houses and FRIDAY morning is Assembly
Both ARE held at the MIDDLE SCHOOL Campus**

Collecting Students during the day

We kindly remind all parents and guardians to please ensure that you avoid collecting your child/children during the below recess and lunch times.

Junior School	Junior School
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:30pm

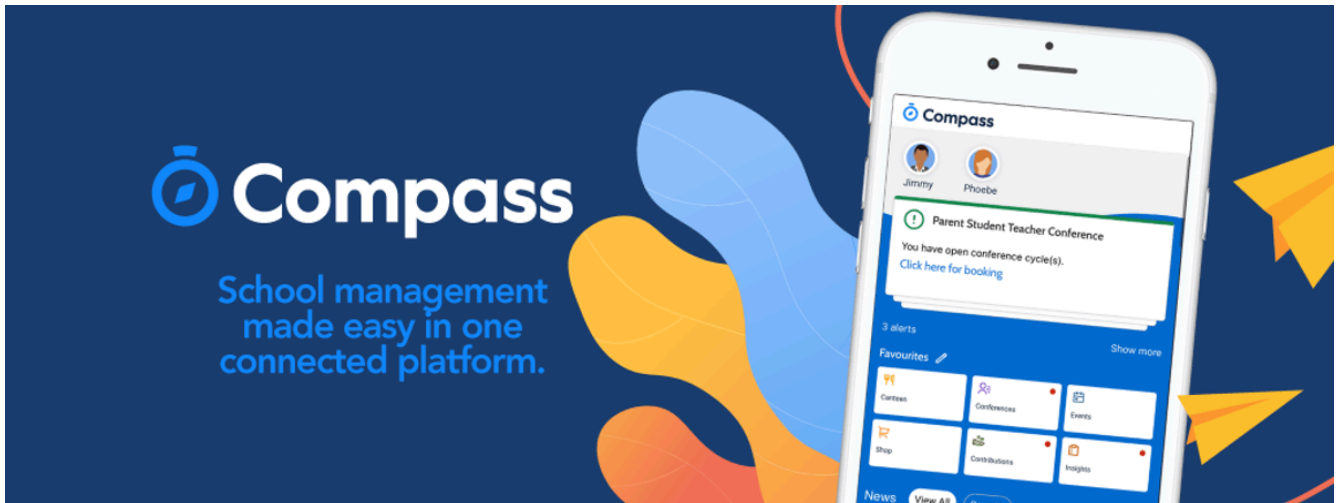
Middle School	
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:15pm

Senior School	
Monday	Recess 10:30am - 11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm - 1:30pm
Tuesday - Friday	Recess 11:15am - 11:45am Lunch Eating Time 1:15pm - 1:30pm Outside Play 1:30pm - 2:15pm



Subway orders are available to students each week on a Wednesday.

There are special Subway envelopes available at the office of either campus. Please fill in details with the correct money included and hand these to the Office any time before **Tuesday 10:00 am each week.**



Compass

Emerson School will be no longer sending home paper consent forms and instead will be using the Compass Management System.

All Parents and carers of Emerson School now have access to the Compass School Management app and can now access the following features.

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Pay and provide consent for events such as excursions and camps, and pay school fees

You can download the Compass App on Apple iOS and Android devices, simply search for Compass School Manager in the store.



Access the website via the Emerson School [Website](#) page.

Access the website by searching the following link in your browser,

<https://schools.compass.education/>

Please contact the school if you need assistance with replacement log in details, logging in or resetting your password.

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